



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Addison County Regional Planning Commission, VT

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Created to assist local towns with all aspects of planning and development, ACRPC serves a population of 36,965 in 21 municipalities. The Addison County region developed around a variety of industrial, manufacturing, and agricultural operations. An overall decline in industry between 1910 and 1980 caused several once-thriving industrial facilities to be abandoned or downsized. This industrial decline led to a decrease in population in many of the county's towns. However, this



### Assessment Grant



#### \$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform community outreach activities, prepare a brownfields inventory and prioritize sites, and conduct five to six Phase I and one or two Phase II environmental site assessments in Addison County.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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population trend changed over time. Addison County is now the sixth fastest growing county in Vermont. Most of this growth is driven by proximity to jobs in nearby Chittenden County. This population shift has resulted in sprawl, residential development of forest and agricultural lands, and increased commuting time for four out of five residents employed outside of the county. Brownfields assessments will leverage resources for redevelopment that will promote reinvestment in town centers and help reduce sprawl.